

Mr. Wendell Smith

I believe the benefit games can be handled very easily and Negro Baseball can really get a little credit for their contribution. When we see what happens, if we get started, and if it is going to be possible to play the games, I will go into detail. In the meantime let's wait a few days and see what happens. I have a plan in mind whereby we could raise really large amounts, and no one should suffer. Can I count on your help?

You may be wondering about my pessimistic tone for the coming season. The biggest problem seems to me to be Mexico. They are planning to take out men the same as before, and I understand the men are planning to go. If they do, and the army continues to take them, plus the doubt about night ball in the east, it seems to me we have a lot of problems. Then another big one is, the men who do not go to Mexico if they are able, and those who are not called to the colors, may not want to leave their defence jobs. They are making good money. The salaries will be hard to top with our baseball. As I said before I guess we will just have to wait and see. If all the rest are willing to gamble, The Eagles are also.

I have not given up on the Mexican situation. We are still working on it, but it is a bad time now to ask the government to argue with our next door neighbor or even take a chance on displeasing them.

Well I guess I have talked enough for one time. After all you have a lot of mail to read. I will write you as soon as something definite is planned. In the meantime if you have any suggestions that might help me with some of my problems please let me hear from you.

Again thanks for the nice things you said about me.

Very Sincerely Yours

Please excuse bad spelling and typing.